

I believe in the right to free speech, and that right encompasses the duty to show BOTH sides of any given issue. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of a single-minded, all-powerful big company forcing it's side onto the American people, and not allowing any other side to be shown.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. The American people end up less in control of their own country, and their own government, doing away with the representative ideals our nation is built on. The Sinclair company, by airing this anti-Kerry documentary is showing bias, and silencing the voice of the people who disagree with their notions. Americans should not be shown only one side of the story. If there is to be an Anti-Kerry film shown, there should be a Pro-Kerry film aired as well. That is the duty of responsible broadcasting entities.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show irresponsibility, and lack of respect for any views opposing their own. Americans need to have their own voice heard, not the voice of a big corporation that looks out for it's own interests above the American peoples'.